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JERRY LYNN DAVIS,
Also Known as Sam Davis;
EUGENE BROWN

The following is information in addition to our communications dated June 29, 1971 and July 7, 1971.

For the past four and one-half years, the San Diego Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been operating an informant who has been highly successful in penetrating the Minuteman organization in the San Diego, California, area. In this capacity, informant has performed an outstanding service to the government and to the nation in acquiring and making available a large volume of information regarding the activities of the Minuteman organization and related groups. In addition, due to the nature of his employment, informant has been successfully targeted against other unrelated activities and has provided coverage and penetration of a number of New Left oriented groups and demonstrations. The scope of information provided by the source has often extended beyond the immediate San Diego area to other parts of the nation. He also has been instrumental in identifying and following the activities of many individuals who are of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Informant has at all times been found to be stable, trustworthy and reliable.

The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by ROBERT B. DE PUGH in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DE PUGH is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

On June 23, 1971, source advised that on the previous Saturday, June 19, 1971, he was in attendance at a gun show held at Pasadena, California. Accompanying him to the show

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was JERRY LYNN DAVIS, known to the informant for several years as a member of the Minuteman organization. At the show, contact was made with a third party, EUGENE BROWN, a reporter for the "Anaheim Bulletin" and an associate of members of the Minuteman organization in the Los Angeles, California, area, if not a member himself.

During the show, several arrests were made, some by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD). Because of these arrests and long held attitudes on the part of DAVIS and BROWN that, although Communism and Socialism pose threats to their security, the government of this country is their real enemy, a decision was reached by BROWN and DAVIS that retaliation should be made against the government by bombing ATFD and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offices. Plans were made for the three to meet again the following Saturday evening at a motel in or near the City of El Cajon, California, the exact time and place not then specified. At this meeting, final plans would be made for the bombing and specific targets selected, one in the Los Angeles, California, area which BROWN would handle, and one at San Diego, California, which DAVIS would handle.

In apparent furtherance of this scheme, DAVIS delivered to the informant on two occasions, two metal ammunition cans for storage and safekeeping. These cans were found to contain several pounds of TNT explosives, 18 hand grenade fuse assemblies, two rifle grenades, approximately 275 blasting caps of various sizes and types, a military hand illuminating grenade, a number of parts for converting M-1 and M-15 rifles to the corresponding M-2 and M-16 fully automatic weapons and other miscellaneous items. This material was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the informant on June 25, 1971, and was in turn given to ATFD for possible use as evidence by that agency.

Assistant U.S. Attorney STEPHEN G. NELSON, then Chief of the Complaint Section, U.S. Attorney's Office, San Diego, California, was contacted on June 25, 1971, and stated that, as then developed, the facts in this case did not represent a prosecutable violation and that additional

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evidence, such as photographs and tape recordings substantiating the conspiratorial meeting to take place on the evening of June 26, 1971, would be necessary. For as yet unexplained reasons, subject BROWN did not appear for the meeting on the evening of June 26, 1971, and has not subsequently been seen or heard from by either the informant or subject DAVIS. Informant has advised that to his knowledge no additional plans have been made or work done toward carrying out the above-described bombings.

On July 20, 1971, subject DAVIS requested that the hand illuminating grenade included in the explosives given by him to the informant, be returned to him on the weekend of July 24 - 25, 1971, indicating he had some use for the weapon but not elaborating further on the matter.

On July 23, 1971, following consultation with Assistant U.S. Attorney ROBERT P. RISSO, newly appointed Chief of the Criminal Complaint Section, and with representatives of the San Diego ATFD office, authorization was granted by RISSO and by ATFD for the hand illuminating grenade to be returned to DAVIS through the informant. This was only to be done on the condition that the illuminating grenade was effectively deactivated.

At this same time, RISSO stated he saw no possible way to obtain successful prosecution of DAVIS in this matter. Furthermore, he advised that he would in no way authorize return of the remaining items of explosives to DAVIS.

On July 23, and 26, 1971, the source pointed out that DAVIS' request that the hand illuminating grenade be returned to him points up the fact that his request for other parts or all of the items entrusted by him to the informant is imminent. Because of his association with DAVIS, whom the informant believes to be bordering on being mentally irrational, informant is convinced that for whatever reason, when it becomes necessary for him to tell DAVIS he cannot return these materials to him it will become obvious to DAVIS that the informant is exactly that or has in some other way betrayed him, and that DAVIS will then take reprisal of a violent nature against the informant and his family.

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Inasmuch as the explosives cannot be returned, the informant has petitioned that he and his family be relocated in some other part of the country out of DAVIS' reach. To this end, informant is willing to leave his home and an excellent employment but does not ask for another job. Informant has stated a personal preference for relocation at Boise, Idaho, which he feels would be a safe location as it is not a place to which he would be expected to go.

On July 27, 1971, Special Investigator STEVE LOGAN, ATFD, San Diego, was contacted regarding the matter of relocating the informant. LOGAN stated that he was not in a position to make a determination on a question of that nature but stated he did not believe that ATFD would accept such a responsibility unless the informant had served as a witness in an ATFD prosecution.

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